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TRANSMITTAL OF VERIFIED STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS - SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Verified Statement (Declaration) Claiming Small Entity Status, duly executed by the Assignee of the above-identified patent application.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9(f) AND 1.27(c)) - SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN

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[X] an official of the small business concern empowered to act on behalf of the concern identified below:

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| Cambridge CB1 2JB, United Kingdom |

I hereby declare that the above-identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 13 C.F.R. § 1.21 for purposes of paying reduced fees under Sections 41(a) and 41(b) of Title 35. United States Code, in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average, over the previous fiscal year of the concern, of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time, or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.

I hereby declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern identified above with regard to the invention entitled <u>CHARACTERISING NUCLEIC ACIDS</u> by inventor(s) <u>Günter Schmidt and Andrew Hugin Thompson</u> described in

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If the rights held by the above-identified small business concern are not exclusive, each individual, concern, or organization having rights to the invention is listed below,* and no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who would not qualify as an independent inventor under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9(c), or by any concern that would not qualify as either a small business concern under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9(e).

*NOTE: Separate verified statements are required from each named person, concern, or organization having rights to the invention averring to their status as small entities. (37 C.F.R. § 1.27.)

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